

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE,
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OF Fountain County.

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OF Allen County.

A Scene in Congress.

The special Washington dispatches to the Chicago Times, of yesterday, contain the following item:

A scene and much excitement occurred in the House to-night between Messrs. Richardson and Blake. One called the other a liar in debate. Other epithets were exchanged, and they rushed towards each other for a fight, but were parted.

No Partyism.

The telegraph states that the Republican members of Congress met in caucus on Saturday night and the spectators present were requested to retire, which they did. We hear no objections from Republicans to this secret political organization. It is patriotic for Republicans to meet in secret to discuss public affairs, but it is pronounced treason for Democrats to openly meet to consider the important issues before the country. Republicans, it appears, can adhere to their party organization and be loyal, but the same judgment pronounces it disloyal in Democrats to stand by their party organization and political principles.

The Difficulties in Kentucky and Tennessee.

The telegraph is full of rumors in regard to successful raids of wild huns in Kentucky and Tennessee. We believe these reports to be greatly exaggerated, and we hope that it may result. If the reports should be confirmed, they will be no complaint to the vigilance of the officers who have charge of these districts. We apprehend no danger of invasion, or even a successful one in Kentucky. These apprehensions are an unnecessary alarm. A large number of troops have been sent to the supposed points of danger, and in a few days the telegraph will report "all quiet."

An Interview Between the Border State Congressmen and the President.

The telegraph states that, by invitation, the Border State Congressmen had an interview with the President, during which he "urged upon them a system of gradual emancipation, and hinted strongly that, if this plan was not adopted, general emancipation would come under less pleasant circumstances."

The Border State Congressmen held a caucus on Saturday night to consider and frame a reply to the President. A report of their proceedings says:

There are three points apparently agreed on. First, that the border States have come up to the full demands of the Government made on them, and have raised fully 80,000 men, and will raise their quota under the new call. As regards the force to be sent to the border, they say it is not practicable nor specific. It proposes a change which can only be enforced through State Conventions. Kentucky's present Constitution requires four years to call a Convention and have it meet. After meeting a State's consent there would be no act of Congress to consummate and the question would still be an open one whether the Government could appropriate the millions needed to carry out the scheme.

Specific legislation should preclude State preparations. To obviate delays of organized State action, the border representatives think the offer should be made at the expiration of the individual citizens of slave States, and then the question will be at once solved. Congress would at once prove its willingness to appropriate the money, and the States, which are ready to aid the Union, even at the sacrifice of a radical change in their social organization.

In conclusion they say: We assure the President that our constituents revere the Constitution and Union so dearly as to be ready to make heroic efforts so far to preserve both, and on that platform will not be surpassed by any portion of the Union in furnishing men and money for the work.

J. Q. Adams on the Laws of War.

The following extracts of a letter from JOHN QUINCY ADAMS TO MR. RUSH IN 1820, when the former was Secretary of State under Mr. Monroe, and the latter our Minister to England, have a peculiar applicability at this time. Mr. Adams is discussing the asserted right of the British Government to emancipate American slaves captured during the war of 1812-14. He says:

The principle is that the emancipation of enemy's slaves is not among the acts of legitimate war as related to the rights of a belligerent in private property, no where warranted by the usages of war.

Again, he says:

In the statement of the British ground of argument upon the claim in the submission, they have asserted the right of emancipating slaves—private property—as a legitimate right of war. This is utterly incomprehensible on the part of a nation whose subjects hold slaves by millions, and who, in this very treaty, recognizes them as private property.

It is a mistake to suppose we can rise entirely above the domestic question of slavery and its principles, and whilst it remains faithful to the Constitution and the Union of our fathers, and does not hesitate to meet squarely and fairly all the issues before the country, I feel that I have no excuse for leaving for later days the organization and experimenting in the ranks of a new party, whose policy and principles on many of the most vital questions at issue are left to mere conjecture, unless we judge them to be the policy and principles which shall characterize their action; and, judging by that rule, I shall expect to find the "No Party party of Indiana" vindictive of the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, the abolition of slavery in the territories, the measures of confiscation and emancipation, and in favor of the scheme of the President, which has been sanctioned by the Republican Congress, and is being executed by the States that are willing to emancipate their slaves material pecuniary aid. This means taxing the people of the free States to buy the slaves of the slave States. This is the odious wedge for the emancipation of the South. I am opposed to all these measures, and I have no vote against these and many other schemes of the radical abolitionists in Congress at the present session.

I have no advocate of slavery, but I think we had better leave it where the Constitution and our fathers left it. When we have paid all that is due our gallant soldiers who are fighting the battles of the Constitution for us, our business will be as last as we will be able to do, with our extended through Richardson's division, continuing with almost unexampled intensity for something like fifteen minutes, when the rebels were driven back. The ammunition of Captain Hazard's battery, which had been most beautifully served and doing terrible execution, got the range of the rebel guns and soon silenced them.

Of the battle at Savage's Station the correspondent says:

"In this affair, also, Pettit's and Hazard's batteries did splendid service."

And at the battle of Nelson's Farm:

"At about 10 o'clock in the morning the rebels, who had got twelve killed guns, most of them three-hundred, opened a terrific fire on Gen. Richardson's division, who, though shelled as much as possible by the hills, lost heavily under it—some 200 men. The shells pouring in with terrible intensity for two hours."

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